

Anderson Intelligence.

THE QUALIA RESERVE.

An Interesting Story of the North Carolina Cherokee Indians.

It may not be generally known that there lives in these mountains the last remnant of the eastern band of Cherokee Indians. They own a few small tracts of land in the mountains of North Carolina, known as the Qualla boundary. They number at this time about 1,000 souls. They have decreased in the last ten years about ten per cent. They have no towns, nor does their manner of life differ in many particulars from that of the white people among whom they reside. Their principal products are corn, peas and apples. Small herds of ponies and cattle are the main sources of revenue upon which these people rely for what money they need. This is mainly used as expenditure to their government and schools. Their chief is a man named W. S. Ligon, a white man, and his children are well educated; his term of office is four years; his salary \$500 and \$1 per acre extra on the Qualla boundary for the land. There is also an assistant chief with a salary of \$250. No one is eligible to the chieftainship unless he be 35 years of age. Every male Indian who is 16 years old is entitled to vote. They are taught by the Cherokee and English language in their schools. They have many dances, but none, like the negro dance, is the effacement of joy. The Indian dance is a preparation for some coming event; the funeral dance and the wedding dance with the same solemnity of features.

I will here relate an incident as reported to me of one of their former chiefs, Yonagusta, his name. He had qualities which made him a great respect to his people. He knew how to control their weakness and superstition. The Cherokees like all Indians who came in contact with the white man became impatient. Yonagusta determined on a reformation of his people. He sank into a trance on a heavy day, the whole town thought him dead, though some signs of life remained. They watched and waited fifteen days and determined to perform their funeral rites according to their custom. When they marched and counter-marched around the prostrate body of their chief. Then came a sudden pause and fright, for the dead had returned to life. He spoke with deep feeling telling his people that he had been in a trance, that he had communed with the great spirit, that his long service for his people was not ended, he was to remain with them as many years as he had been days in the happy hunting grounds; he told them that he had been in a trance for more than forty years without any pecuniary consideration; his sole aim was to promote their good; he was convinced that intemperance was the cause of the extermination of the tribes who lived in the mountains. He directed all to sign the following pledge:

The undersigned Cherokees belonging to the town of Qualla agree to abandon the use of spirituous liquors. The old chief signed first and was followed by the whole town. This pledge was signed with the rigor of a written law, its violation in every instance being punished at the whipping post. The example set by the red man is worthy of imitation by the white man. These Indians furnished four hundred and more pounds of corn for the education of Indian girls. They are to be clothed, fed and educated by the faculty for that sum.—From the Columbia Sentinel.

The Silo and Ensilage Crops.

Mr. W. I. Heyward, of West End, who is a successful truck farmer as well as a practical silage maker, has lately experimented with the silo and gives his views to the agricultural department. Mr. Heyward thinks that the South is the place for the silo. Rust proof oats sown in October can be cut and preserved in silage. With good seasons more than 100 tons of silage can be produced from one acre. The same land planted in sweet potatoes the same season will give fifteen tons of potatoes. Forage corn planted in the spring will be ready to cut in June. If the land is rich an acre will make twenty-five to fifty tons. The same land planted in cow peas will give fifteen tons. From two acres, therefore, the farmer can make seventy-five acres of feed worth as much as twenty-five tons of hay. In regard to the silo, Mr. Heyward says:

Now as to the construction of the silo. Without discussing the different kinds of silos, I will describe one that will be suitable for all practical purposes, and can be made by any farmer in the South. The silo should be built on a level, and the divisions are made of 2x6 plank and well braced so divisions will not bulge when one apartment only is filled and weighted. The posts upon which the sides are raised should extend on one side two and the other four feet above the side of the silo, upon them the roof is made, the openings at the end and sides all left to put your forage in. If the eaves extend to 1 1/2 feet beyond the silo, the rain will run off the eaves to the ground, and the silage will not get the enilage that has occurred. The covers when placed on should be heavily weighted with rocks, logs, and bags, or barrels filled with dirt. You can't put too much weight on them. You can't put too much weight on them. You can't put too much weight on them.

FITZGERALD, Mass. Sept. 28, 1878.
SIR:—I have taken Hop Bitters, and I find them very beneficial.
Mrs. J. W. TULLER,
Sec. Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Relation of Plants to National Prosperity.

The following is an abstract of a lecture by Professor Rothrock, of Fairmount Park:

The lecturer began by a statement of the complications which arose in Virginia over the proportion of land to be devoted to corn and tobacco. This commenced before the Pilgrims on Massachusetts soil. Greed for gain led to the making of the corn crop subservient to the tobacco. The result was a period of scarcity, and when the Virginia settlers made a demand upon the Chickahominy Indians for corn, they were refused so contemptuously that a fight ensued, in which a number of Indians were killed and others captured. The whites gained the victory, but awakened Indian hate, which culminated in a bloody retribution years afterwards.

On the other hand, within a few years after the landing of the Pilgrims, they had corn to spare, and the neighboring tribes "came to depend upon the men of Plymouth for their supply." Thus the want of corn in Virginia was a cause of war, while in Massachusetts the superabundance was a bond of peace. In Virginia it became necessary to limit the production of tobacco by law. In 1623 tobacco was a legal tender in Virginia. When, in 1625, William and Mary College received its royal charter, it was enacted that the College should receive one penny a pound on all the tobacco exported from Virginia and Maryland towards its support. When the Church of England was recognized as the State religion in Maryland, a portion of its revenue came from the same source. This was in 1638. Corn was cultivated in Peru prior even to the Inca rule, and also in Mexico and New Mexico at the time of the invasions of Cortez and Pizarro. It is a native of the Americas, due to the Aztec throne and the religion of the country, where to ensure a good crop human sacrifices were offered. The public granaries of the country were drawn upon by Cortez, so that the very food of the inhabitants was made to suffer in their conquest.

The last census gave the annual yield of corn and rye combined in this country at 1,774,783,271 bushels. The data derived from the same source led the lecturer to estimate that one of the products of the grain—whiskey—gave us about 107,000 insane, criminals and paupers. It would be interesting to know how much of those grains was required to blight so much mankind, and to determine whether, if used in some other way, it would have been a blessing. The above estimate only included those under restraint, and not those of the unnumbered host who were still at liberty to beat their wives and starve their children. The lecturer thought a tariff on Canadian lumber a mistake, without a proportionate benefit to us, it placed a premium on the destruction of our own supply.

Rice among the cereals flourished in ground where none of the others would grow. Hence it utilized the low lands in India, China and Japan, and in our own country, which would otherwise have been unproductive. Though containing less nitrogen than wheat, it has, nevertheless, been the almost exclusive food of some of our hardiest and most enduring races on earth. It was introduced into our country in 1691 by a vessel from Madagascar, which put into Charleston in distress. One of the most characteristic features of this grain is its capacity for adapting itself to varying conditions of soil and climate.

Food plants from their abundance may lead to national and individual indolence, as in the tropics. In such cases, the stimulus growing out of the demands which temperate regions make upon equal lands for their production is, to the inhabitants of the tropic, of a most timely importance. Accumulation of wealth by individuals, as well as the science of political economy, are characteristic of temperate regions, and mainly of the North. The tropics, therefore, distinguishing features both grow, directly or indirectly, out of the need of preparing for times of non-production in times of production. Such an occasion can hardly arise under the Equator. Hence, while the tropics produce the raw product for their own commerce, the capital and machinery and brains, which transport the product, come from the temperate part of the globe.—Gardner's Monthly.

A Deacon's Deeds Petition.
At a village a few miles from Evansville lived a farmer, well to do, a widower with two daughters. The young ladies will be heiresses, and this fact, added to their natural attractions, draws regard to the silo, Mr. Heyward says: Now as to the construction of the silo. Without discussing the different kinds of silos, I will describe one that will be suitable for all practical purposes, and can be made by any farmer in the South. The silo should be built on a level, and the divisions are made of 2x6 plank and well braced so divisions will not bulge when one apartment only is filled and weighted. The posts upon which the sides are raised should extend on one side two and the other four feet above the side of the silo, upon them the roof is made, the openings at the end and sides all left to put your forage in. If the eaves extend to 1 1/2 feet beyond the silo, the rain will run off the eaves to the ground, and the silage will not get the enilage that has occurred. The covers when placed on should be heavily weighted with rocks, logs, and bags, or barrels filled with dirt. You can't put too much weight on them. You can't put too much weight on them. You can't put too much weight on them.

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